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DEMARCHES ON RELEASE

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1. IN APRIL 26 MEETING, FRENCH REP (BOISSIEU) INFORMED
BONN GROUP THAT FRANCE HAS NOW MADE ITS DEMARCHE TO THE
SOVIETS CONCERNING THE RELEASE OF RUDOLF HESS FOLLOWING

UP THE APPROACH BY THE SECRETARY IN MOSCOW (REF B).

2. ACCORDING TO BOISSIEU, ON APRIL 15 THE QUAI
(DE LABOULAYE) CALLED IN SOVIET AMBASSADOR CHERVONENKO.
DE LABOULAYE POINTED TO THE PRECEDENTS OF THE RELEASE
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OF FUNK AND VON NEURATH BEFORE THE COMPLETION OF THEIR
SENTENCES AND SAID THAT HESS SIMILARLY SHOULD BE RELEASED
ON HUMANITARIAN GROUNDS.

3. CHERVONENKO NOTED DE LABOULAYE'S REMARKS AND
UNDERTOOK TO TRANSMIT THEM TO THE APPROPRIATE
AUTHORITIES. HOWEVER, HE ALSO NOTED THE TERRIBLE

CONSEQUENCES OF THE NAZI REGIME IN AREAS OCCUPIED BY THE
GERMANS IN THE COURSE OF THE WAR.

4. UK REP (HARPER) REPORTED THAT THE FCO WAS ABOUT TO
MAKE ITS FOLLOW-UP DEMARCHE, ALMOST CERTAINLY BY
FOREIGN SECRETARY OWEN. THE DELAY IN THE BRITISH
DEMARCHE WAS OCCASIONED BY OWEN'S AFRICA TRIP. HARPER
SAID THAT THE BRITISH DEMARCHE WILL BE CONCERNED SOLELY
WITH RELEASE AND WILL NOT TOUCH ON AMELIORATION OF
THE CONDITIONS OF HESS' IMPRISONMENT.
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